GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR AGRO BASED INDUSTRIES
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any special schemes for setting up agro-based industries in small towns;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering to set up such industry in the pilgrim town of Palani in Dindukal district of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) to (c): The Government is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Entrepreneurs from any part of the country are free to prepare project proposals under the REGP and approach the branch of Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks etc. in their localities or offices of State KVI Board or the KVIC for assistance. Under the REGP, the unit can be set up in any rural area or an urban area having a population of less than 20,000. The KVIC does not set up units of its own. Therefore, the KVIC is not considering to set up any such unit of its own.